

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A floor structure of a construction machine, comprising:

a canopy disposed above and covering an operator's seat via a support;

a floor plate disposed below said operator's seat, said floor plate and having a stepwise part at its end edge on a platform side for an operator, the stepwise part being an extension of the floor plate and formed so as to be located at a lower level in a downward direction relative to the remainder of the floor plate; and

a floor mat covering said floor plate including said stepwise part, said floor mat and having a protrusion corresponding to said stepwise part, wherein said floor mat is arranged such that when said floor mat is mounted on said floor plate, ~~in such a manner that~~ said protrusion of the floor mat is fitted into the stepwise part to fill in said stepwise part so as to substantially level an upper surface of the floor mat.

Claim 2. (Original) The floor structure of a construction machine according to claim 1, wherein said floor mat has on its back side a plurality of recesses creating a grid pattern.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a floor structure of a construction machine, comprising the steps of:

forming a stepwise part at an end edge of a floor plate constituting said floor structure in such a manner that said stepwise part is an extension of the floor plate located at a lower level outside of said floor plate relative to the remainder of the floor plate;

on assembling the floor structure, when the floor structure is for a cabin specification on which a cabin with a door is mounted, housing a device for opening and closing said door

in the stepwise part to fill in said stepwise part, while mounting on said floor plate a first floor mat having a substantially constant thickness; and

on assembling the floor structure, when the floor structure is for a canopy specification on which a canopy without a door is mounted, mounting on said floor plate a second floor mat having a protrusion corresponding to said stepwise part, instead of said device, said protrusion being disposed at an end edge of the second floor mat, and being fitted into the stepwise part in such a manner that said protrusion fills in said stepwise part.